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In re Application of:
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MEDICAL PROCEDURES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations and prior to a first Office Action, record is hereby made of published prior art that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application.

No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

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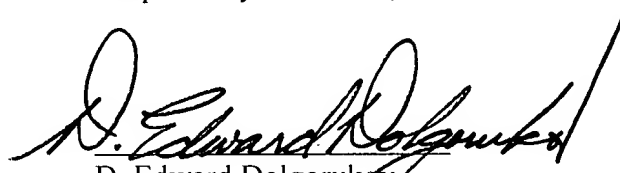
Other Prior Art

None.

A copy of the cited patent document is enclosed, along with IDS Form PTO/SB/08A. The cited patent document was cited in an Office action rendered February 3, 2002. Thus, this prior art is being submitted within 3 months of citation under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (c). Since the cited document is being submitted after a Request For Continued Examination, but before a First Office Action, it is believed that no fees are due.

It is requested that this reference be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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